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MEASURES TO ELIMINATE INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Measures to eliminate international terrorism" was included in the provisional agenda of the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly in accordance with paragraph 16 of General Assembly resolution 46/51 of 9 December 1991.

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 24 September 1993, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. In connection with the item, the Sixth Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/48/267 and Corr.1 and Add.1), which was introduced by the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, the Legal Counsel, at the 11th meeting, on 14 October 1993.

4. The following communications were also circulated under this item:

(a) Letter dated 28 June 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/225-S/26009);

(b) Letter dated 4 August 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/291-S/26242 and Corr.1);

(c) Letter dated 13 August 1993 from the representatives of France, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/314-S/26304);

(d) Letter dated 9 September 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Grenada to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/401);

(e) Letter dated 28 October 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/564);

(f) Letter dated 13 October 1993 from the Permanent Representatives of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan (A/C.6/48/4).

5. The Committee considered the item at its 11th to 14th meetings, from 14 to 19 October 1993, and at its 39th meeting, on 3 December 1993. The summary records of those meetings reflect the views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's discussion of the item (A/C.6/48/SR.11-14 and 39).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT DECISION A/C.6/48/L.21

6. At the 39th meeting, on 3 December, the Chairman of the Sixth Committee introduced a draft decision proposed by her and entitled "Measures to eliminate international terrorism" (A/C.6/48/L.21).

7. At the same meeting, the Chairman of the Sixth Committee read out a statement, which it had been agreed in the course of informal consultations would be made in connection with the draft decision (see A/C.6/48/SR.39):

> "The decision to place this item on the provisional agenda of the forty-ninth session has been taken in the light of the request for views of States contained therein. It is a procedural decision. While reaffirming its condemnation of all acts, methods and practices of terrorism, as contained in its resolution 46/51, the General Assembly calls for the strengthening of cooperation among States in combating all terrorist activities."

8. Also at its 39th meeting, the Sixth Committee adopted draft decision A/C.6/48/L.21 without a vote (see para. 10).

9. The representative of Peru made a statement in explanation of position before the adoption of the draft decision. The representatives of Algeria and the Syrian Arab Republic made statements in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft decision (see A/C.6/48/SR.39).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

10. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision in connection with which the Chairman made the statement referred to in paragraph 7 above:

Measures to eliminate international terrorism

The General Assembly,

Having considered the agenda item entitled "Measures to eliminate international terrorism",

(a) Requests the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member States on the proposals submitted by Governments contained in his report 1/ or made during the debate on this item at its forty-eighth session in the Sixth Committee or contained in resolution 46/51 of 9 December 1991 on practical measures to eliminate acts of terrorism, on ways and means of enhancing the role of the United Nations and the relevant specialized agencies in combating international terrorism, and on ways to consider this question within the Sixth Committee;

(b) Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session the item entitled "Measures to eliminate international terrorism", without prejudice to the question of whether the item will thereafter be considered annually or biennially.

1/ A/48/267 and Corr.1 and Add.1.